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Washington, DC
20250

Please Note:

New vendors and subcontractors must supply all required paperwork (Appendix 1, Financial Statement, and 3 Reference Letters) and must register in the [Online Representations and Certifications Application \(ORCA\)](#). In addition, all vendors must also be registered in the CCR, within 48 hours after bid opening or your company may be considered non-responsive.

FV-307

Fruit and Vegetable Programs

Date Issued: February 3, 2006

Dried Fruit, Announcement FV-307, Invitation 025

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) invites offers to sell dried fruit as indicated below and per the Announcement for distribution to the needy family and other domestic food assistance programs. Offers are due by **1:00 p.m., Central time, Friday, March 3, 2006**. Acceptances will be announced by midnight, March 17, 2006. Deliveries are to be made from July 1, 2006 through October 15, 2006.

Offers are invited from the trade for:

Dried Fig Pieces	24/1 lb.	98,208 cases
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Please Note:

- The product must be 100% grown, processed and packed in the United States from the 2005 or later crop year.
- All prime vendors are reminded that they are prohibited from subcontracting with companies or individuals that have been suspended or debarred.
- All invitations with orders for the state of New York, must have the pack date stamped on the outside of each carton. The pack date should be annotated as per the following example: (05/01/2003). Orders for the state of New York requiring the special marking will be indicated by (**). This applies to New York orders "Only," if and when they appear on an invitation.
- On "BKLYN/CEN ISLIP NY" destinations, shippers are instructed to call the contact person on the Notice to Deliver first prior to making an appointment, so that they can be directed to which warehouse they will ship the product.
- No offers will be made to 8(a) vendors on this invitation.



- Manufacturer's own commercially packaged and labeled product is acceptable as long as it meets all of the requirements of the Food and Drug Administration and contains an identification code that allows for traceability of the product.

Note: Effective August 1, 2005, Contractors are required to submit Annual Representations and Certifications via the Online Representation and Certifications Application (ORCA), a part of Business Partner Network (BPN). The internet address for registering in ORCA is <http://orca.bpn.gov>. The representations and certifications are effective until one year from the date of submission or update to ORCA. A revised abbreviated Appendix 1 dated August 2005 will be required for contractors registering via the ORCA system. A notice to the trade regarding this requirement was issued on June 28, 2005 at <http://www.ams.usda.gov/fv/cp/tradenotices.htm>

However, Contractors who have previously (prior to August 1, 2005) submitted the Appendix 1 for calendar year 2005 will be relieved from the ORCA online registration until the expiration of their Appendix 1.

Bids must be submitted electronically via the Domestic Electronic Bid Entry System (DEBES) on the internet. Offerors who submit bids using other than DEBES, will be deemed non-responsive. Offeror must be assigned a Logon ID by USDA to access the site. The Internet address is: <http://pcsd.usda.gov/debes> which translates into a connection of <https://pcsd.usda.gov:3077/mdbc1000.exe?> Once connected, follow the online procedures. A "HELP" button provides detailed instructions for using the system or call 202-720-4517 for assistance.

Bidders are cautioned to bid only quantities they can reasonably expect to produce and deliver in accordance with the contract. Inquiries about Announcement FV-307, Appendix-1, the Commodity Specification for Dried Fruit dated May 2004 or this Invitation should be directed to the Contracting Officer, USDA/AMS/ Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Commodity Procurement Branch STOP 0239, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, DC 20250-9410, telephone (202) 720-4517. An electronic version of this Invitation can be obtained through the World Wide Web via the Commodity Procurement Home Page at <http://www.ams.usda.gov/cp>.

Purchases will be made on a delivered to destination basis, subject to Announcement FV-307, to the listed locations. Delivery by trucks or railcars is optional to the contractor, except for those destination(s) which specify delivery by truck only or rail only.

Split shipments are indicated by a single asterisk.

ANNOUNCEMENT : FV307
INVITATION : 025
COMM GROUP : 35 FRUITS, DRIED
COMM TYPE : 21 FIG PIECES
PACK SIZE : 24 24/1 LB

ITEM NO	DESTINATION CITY	ST	TRANS RESTR	QUANTITY (CSE)	PRICE PER (CSE)
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DELIVERY PERIOD 07/01/06 - 07/15/06					
001	BLOOMFIELD	CT	TRUCK ONLY	476	_____
	EAST HAVEN	CT	TRUCK ONLY	1,108	_____
002	BOSTON	MA	TRUCK ONLY	1,584	_____
003	HATFIELD	MA	TRUCK ONLY	792	_____
	SHREWSBURY	MA	TRUCK ONLY	792	_____
004	HILLSIDE	NJ	TRUCK ONLY	1,116	_____
	NEPTUNE	NJ	TRUCK ONLY	468	_____
005	PENNSAUKEN	NJ	TRUCK ONLY	760	_____
	VINELAND	NJ		824	_____
006	BIRMINGHAM	AL	TRUCK ONLY	841	_____
	MONTGOMERY	AL	TRUCK ONLY	465	_____
	THEODORE	AL	TRUCK ONLY	278	_____
007	FORT MYERS	FL	TRUCK ONLY	516	_____
	LAKELAND	FL	TRUCK ONLY	1,068	_____
008	ATLANTA	GA	TRUCK ONLY	1,584	_____
009	PORTLAND	OR	TRUCK ONLY	1,584	_____
DELIVERY PERIOD 07/16/06 - 07/31/06					
010	HILLSIDE	NJ	TRUCK ONLY	1,584	_____
011	RICHMOND	VA	TRUCK ONLY	1,584	_____
012	SALEM	VA	TRUCK ONLY	1,584	_____

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013	CLEARWATER	FL	TRUCK ONLY	684	_____
	LAKELAND	FL	TRUCK ONLY	477	_____
	WINTER HAVEN	FL		423	_____
014	COLUMBIA	MO	TRUCK ONLY	1,584	_____
015	SAN JOSE	CA	TRUCK ONLY	1,584	_____
016	VISALIA	CA	TRUCK ONLY	1,584	_____
DELIVERY PERIOD 08/01/06 - 08/15/06					
017	BARRE	VT	TRUCK ONLY	1,584	_____
018	FORT PIERCE	FL	TRUCK ONLY	407	_____
	JACKSONVILLE	FL	TRUCK ONLY	627	_____
	ORLANDO	FL	TRUCK ONLY	550	_____
019	DALLAS	TX	TRUCK ONLY	1,584	_____
020	OLYMPIA	WA	TRUCK ONLY	1,584	_____
021	SEATTLE	WA	TRUCK ONLY	260	_____
	TACOMA	WA	TRUCK ONLY	923	_____
	VANCOUVER	WA	TRUCK ONLY	401	_____

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022	DARIEN	WI	TRUCK ONLY	612	_____
	EAU CLAIRE	WI		571	
	MILWAUKEE	WI	TRUCK ONLY	401	
023	SAN ANTONIO	TX	TRUCK ONLY	1,584	_____
024	SAN BERNARDINO	CA	TRUCK ONLY	1,584	_____
DELIVERY PERIOD 09/01/06 - 09/15/06					
025	AUBURN	ME	TRUCK ONLY	792	_____
	AUGUSTA	ME	TRUCK ONLY	792	
026	SALEM	VA	TRUCK ONLY	1,584	_____
027	VERONA	VA	TRUCK ONLY	1,584	_____
028	CREEDMOOR	NC	TRUCK ONLY	3,168	_____
029	SALISBURY	NC	TRUCK ONLY	1,584	_____
030	FAIRFIELD	OH	TRUCK ONLY	1,584	_____
031	CORPUS CHRISTI	TX	TRUCK ONLY	1,584	_____
032	LOS ANGELES/FAS (HONOLULU, HI)	CA	TRUCK ONLY	1,584	_____
033	LOS ANGELES/FAS (HONOLULU, HI)	CA	TRUCK ONLY	1,584	_____
034	PORTLAND	OR	TRUCK ONLY	1,584	_____

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035	EVERETT	WA	TRUCK ONLY	531	_____
	OLYMPIA	WA	TRUCK ONLY	370	
	SHELTON	WA	TRUCK ONLY	683	
036	SEATTLE	WA	TRUCK ONLY	1,584	_____
037	MOSES LAKE	WA	TRUCK ONLY	220	_____
	SPOKANE	WA	TRUCK ONLY	882	
	YAKIMA	WA	TRUCK ONLY	482	
DELIVERY PERIOD 09/16/06 - 09/30/06					
038	CREEDMOOR	NC	TRUCK ONLY	1,584	_____
039	SALISBURY	NC	TRUCK ONLY	1,584	_____
040	COLUMBIA	MO	TRUCK ONLY	562	_____
	KANSAS CITY	MO	TRUCK ONLY	491	
	ST LOUIS	MO	TRUCK ONLY	531	
041	LOS ANGELES	CA	TRUCK ONLY	1,584	_____
DELIVERY PERIOD 10/01/06 - 10/15/06					
042	BALTIMORE	MD	TRUCK ONLY	1,584	_____
043	RICHMOND	VA	TRUCK ONLY	1,584	_____
044	SALEM	VA	TRUCK ONLY	1,584	_____
045	JACKSONVILLE	FL	TRUCK ONLY	398	_____
	WINTER HAVEN	FL		1,186	
046	FAIRFIELD	OH	TRUCK ONLY	1,584	_____

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047	LOGAN	OH	TRUCK ONLY	1,584	_____
048	TOLEDO	OH	TRUCK ONLY	1,584	_____
049	FORT WORTH	TX	TRUCK ONLY	1,584	_____
050	HOUSTON	TX	TRUCK ONLY	1,584	_____
051	LUBBOCK	TX	TRUCK ONLY	1,584	_____
052	MCALLEN	TX	TRUCK ONLY	1,584	_____
053	ODESSA	TX	TRUCK ONLY	1,584	_____
054	TYLER	TX	TRUCK ONLY	1,584	_____
055	LINCOLN	NE		792	_____
	TOPEKA	KS	TRUCK ONLY	792	_____
056	SALT LAKE CITY	UT	TRUCK ONLY	3,168	_____
057	MESA	AZ	TRUCK ONLY	1,584	_____
058	SURPRISE	AZ	TRUCK ONLY	1,584	_____
059	LONG BEACH	CA	TRUCK ONLY	1,584	_____
060	OAKLAND	CA	TRUCK ONLY	792	_____
	SAN FRANCISCO	CA	TRUCK ONLY	792	_____

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